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TAGS: SEATO

SUBJECT: SEATO COUNCIL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

REF: BANGKOK 10109 AND 12115

1. LETTER FROM ACTING SECRETARY RUSH TO SEATO SECGEN
SUNTHORN POUCHED BANGKOK AUGUST 27 UNDER DIPLOMATIC POUCH
REGISTRATION NO. 2238181. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

I AM PLEASED TO RESPOND TO YOUR RECENT LETTER TO
SECRETARY ROGERS CONCERNING CONFERENCE SPACE NEEDS FOR THE
SEATO MINISTERS MEETING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 28.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN THE
BEST MANNER POSSIBLE DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. WE
ARE SATISFIED THAT THIS YEAR'S COUNCIL MEETING, AS NOW
ORGANIZED, IS WELL TAILORED TO THE NEEDS AND PURPOSES OF
THE ORGANIZATION AT THIS TIME. INDEED, A SMALL MEETING,
WITHOUT THE CUSTOMARY FANFARE AND FRILLS AND DEVOTED
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STRICTLY TO BUSINESS WILL PROVIDE THE BEST ATMOSPHERE FOR

REACHING THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS WHICH MUST BE MADE CONCERNING SEATO'S FUTURE. IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU HOW IMPRESSED WE HAVE BEEN BY THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE SEATO STRUCTURE AND SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBER NATIONS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT. MY

GOVERNMENT HAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR ENDEAVORS WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE MUCH NEEDED BASIS FOR READJUSTING SEATO TO THE CHANGING SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TODAY.

I HAVE ADVISED PRESIDENT NIXON OF YOUR REQUEST FOR A COURTESY CALL ON HIM PRIOR TO THE MEETING. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF HIS RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BOTH SECGEN'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY PRIOR SEATO MEETING AND RE-CONFIRMATION SECRETARY'S DINNER SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK SEPT. 27 FOR SEATO PRINCIPALS AWAITING SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE, WHICH STILL IN PLANNING STAGE, FOR SECRETARY DESIGNATE. RUSH

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